



REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Applicants elect Claims 1-13, and 17-26 Group I for prosecution, without traverse. Applicants request withdrawal of Claims 14-16 from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute Claims 14-16 in a divisional or continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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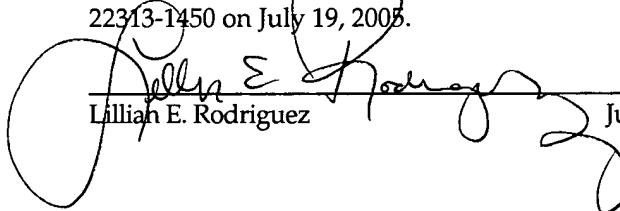
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